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TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 030678

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NU, SHUM

SUBJECT: STORY OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TERMINATION

REF: WELTER-RUBENSTEIN TELCON

1. IN RESPONSE TO CONCERN EXPRESSED IN REFTEL, EMBASSY  
AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: THOUGH THE  
PROPOSED FY 79 BUDGET IS NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC  
RELEASE, THIS EMBASSY  
IS AUTHORIZED TO NOTE THAT, CONTRARY TO SOME PRESS REPORTS,  
THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO COM-  
pletely ELIMINATE SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUA FROM THAT  
BUDGET SUBMISSION. SOME CATEGORIES OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE  
HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED OR REDUCED FOR A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES  
ON VARIOUS GROUNDS. ANY CHANGE IN THE AMOUNT PROPOSED  
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OR ELIMINATION OF ANY CATEGORY OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR  
NICARAGUA OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY  
BE INTERPRETED AS AN ACT OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.  
END STATEMENT.

2. FYI IN ANSWER TO EMBASSY QUERIES: A. FMS CREDITS

TO NICARAGUA WERE ELIMINATED FROM THE BUDGET SUBMISSION,  
AND IMET WAS REDUCED TO \$150,000, BUT NOT ELIMINATED, ON

THE GROUND THAT SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA WAS OF  
RELATIVELY LOW PRIORITY. FMS CREDITS OR IMET WERE ALSO  
ELIMINATED OR REDUCED FOR A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES,  
INCLUDING SOME IN LATIN AMERICA.

B. NO DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NICARAGUA IS A  
GROS; 'ND CONSISTENT VIOLATOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

C. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT LEAKING OF THE DECISION  
TO THE PRESS EARLIER THIS WEEK COULD BE DESTABILIZING  
TO THE GON. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT DETERMINED THE SOURCE  
OF THELEAK. THE PHRASE QUOTE STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES  
UNQUOTE IN THE ARTICLE COULD HAVE REFERRED TO A BRIEFING  
CONDUCTED FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS BY THE DEPARTMENT.  
REGARDLESS OF THE SOURCE, THE DEPARTMENT DEPLORES THE LEAK.  
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